Stopping workers from joining duties in coal mines

1402. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK:
SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many workers—casual, badlis and temporary were stopped from joining their duties on and from 6th and 7th June, 1984 in Coal India Limited and its subsidiary coal mines just after 48 hours strike and details thereof, company-wise and colliery-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for such stoppages;

(c) how many workers have been suspended, dismissed and terminated for reasons arising out of the 48 hours strike (4th and 5th June) in various coal mines under Coal India Limited and details thereof, company-wise and colliery-wise; and

(d) how many workers and leading members of various trade unions were served wth 'break in service' notices and details thereof, company-wise and colliery-wise, after the 48 hours strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Derecognition of Trade Unions

1403. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Patriot' on the 26th July, 1984 captioned "5 Coal Trade Unions derecognised";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the unions derecognised by Western Coal Limited and Coking Coal Limited and the names of coal mines where this order has been implemented;

(d) how many unions are functioning in these coal mines, their names and membership claimed by each one of them and details thereof—union-wise and colliery-wise;

(e) what is the production of these coal mines per day, colliery-wise and production figures of 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 so far;

(f) when was this decision to derecognise the trade unions was taken by the CIL and communicated to the CCL and WCL authorities; and

(g) when was this decision communicated to these unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The News Item refers to alleged derecognition of five leftist unions in about one hundred collieries of Western Coalfields Limited and Central Coalfields Limited.

(c) According to the management, no union has been derecognised.

(d) to (g) Do not arise.

Shortage of power in Karnataka

1404. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka has been experiencing acute shortage of power;

(b) whether there is any formula for sharing of power from Central projects between the Southern States;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government have suggested modification of this formula;

(d) whether the Government of Karnataka has suggested an interim arrangement to bridge the gap between the supply and demand of power to facilitate economic development of the State;

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto; and

(f) what steps have been taken to meet the demands of Karnataka Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The power shortage in Karnataka is about 25 per cent.

(b) There is a formula for allocation of power from Central power stations to the beneficiary States in the region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of Karnataka had suggested allocation of 100 MW power from each of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) and Kalapakkam Nuclear Power Plant during 1983-84, and an ad-hoc allocation of 150 MW power from Ramagundam STPS and 100 MW power from the first unit of Kalapakkam Nuclear Power Plant for 1984-85.

(e) Government of India have informed Government of Karnataka that a consensus on the formula of allocation of power from Central power stations, which are regional in character, has been evolved after considerable care and effort, and in consultation with State Government/SEBs. This formula is by and large acceptable to the States and it would not be advisable to re-open the matter.

(f) To meet the power shortage in Karnataka, the State is being given substantial assistance from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, whenever their system conditions permit such transfer of power.

Setting up of a Refinery at Mangalore

1405. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for setting up of a refinery at Mangalore was prepared in 1978;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Indian Oil Corporation who had been entrusted with the task of preparation of Feasibility Report as well as the implementation of the Mangalore Refinery Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) A Feasibility report was prepared by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in March, 1983 to set up a 6 MTPA refinery at Mangalore at a cost of Rs. 1142 crores.

(c) The report is being processed for an investment decision.

Representation by multinational drug companies against prices fixed for drugs

1406. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from multinational drug companies against the prices fixed for drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and what action has been taken in each case;